

## **BUDGET ADMINISTRATION**

The City Manager Recommended Budget is prepared by the City Manager and presented to the Mayor and City Council for review and deliberation. After the review of the City Manager Recommended Budget by City Council, an Introductory Budget is prepared and contains all of the changes and amendments made by the City Council during its budget workshops. It is the Introductory Budget that is submitted to the public for public hearing. After the public hearing on the Introductory Budget, City Council offers final amendments to the budget and formally adopts the budget no later than June 30 of each year.

The Adopted Budget takes the form of: 1) an ordinance, authorizing expenditures and the raising of revenues during the coming budget year, and 2) resolutions authorizing fees, charges and related actions.

Once the budget is adopted by the City Council, it becomes the shared responsibility of the city manager, finance director, budget director and department heads to oversee the implementation of the budgeted programs and to continually monitor expenditure and revenue levels throughout the year. Full implementation of the FY 2010 budget begins on July 1, 2009.

## **DESCRIPTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET FUND**

The Code of Virginia requires all ordinances appropriating funds in an amount of \$1,000 or greater to be introduced and lay over for a period of 10 days prior to final adoption. Further, if at any meeting ordinances amending the budget exceed one percent of the budget or \$500,000, whichever is the lesser, the State Code requires that such budget amendments be advertised for public hearing. The City Charter requires the affirmative votes of two-thirds of all the members of the City Council for all ordinances imposing taxes, authorizing the borrowing of money or appropriating money exceeding the sum of \$10,000.

The City of Danville organizes expenditures and revenues by fund. All the City's funds are shown in this document are described in more detail below.

## **OPERATING FUND**

### **The General Fund**

The General Fund is the primary operating fund for governmental-type activities. This fund accounts for all financial resources of the City, except for those resources required (by general accepted accounting principles) to be accounted for in another fund. The most significant sources of funding are general property taxes, other local taxes and transfers from the various utility funds. The most significant expenditures from this fund are for public safety, public works programs including infrastructure maintenance, health and welfare programs and contributions to other funds for education and capital improvements. The budget and accounting records are maintained on a modified accrual basis.

## **INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS**

### **The Insurance Fund**

This fund provides accountability for all City costs relating to workers compensation on a self-insured basis, general insurance provided by outside insurance carriers- excluding group health and life, risks covered by statewide pools and risks other than workers compensation on a self-insured basis. The fund is supported by charges to the user departments on a cost-reimbursement basis and is on a modified accrual basis of accounting for both the budget and the accounting records.

**The Central Services Fund**

This fund provides accountability for the acquisition of office supplies, the cost of interoffice mail, central mailroom and printing services, which are provided to the various departments of the City. The fund is supported by charges to the user departments on a cost-reimbursement basis and is on a modified accrual basis of accounting for both the budget and the accounting records.

**The Motorized Equipment Fund**

This fund provides accountability for the acquisition and maintenance of motorized vehicles for various departments of the City. The fund is supported by charges to the user departments on a cost-reimbursement basis and is on a modified accrual basis for both the budget and the accounting record.

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**The Transportation Fund**

This fund provides for activities relating to mass transit bus services. The fund is on an accrual basis of accounting for both the budget and the accounting records. However, the fund is not self-supporting. Operation and maintenance costs are paid by user fees from passengers of the bus service, local, federal, and state grants and transfers from the General Fund.

**The Sanitation Fund**

This fund provides for activities relating to the collection and disposal of solid waste. The fund is self-supporting with user fees, which cover the operating and maintenance cost. The fund is on an accrual basis of accounting for both the budget and the accounting records.

**The Cemetery Fund**

The Cemetery Fund provides for funeral services, sale of lots and record keeping. The staff provides services to local funeral homes and can assist residents and non-residents who are interested in purchasing at-need and pre-need burial lots. Additionally, this fund provides for the maintenance of the eight municipally owned cemeteries. The fund is on an accrual basis of accounting for both the budget and the accounting records.

**The Wastewater Fund**

This fund provides for activities related to the treatment of household, commercial and industrial waste as well as the operations and maintenance of the treatment facilities, pumping stations, and collection lines. The fund is self-supporting with user fees, which cover the expenses for the collection system and treatment facilities and a contribution to the General Fund in lieu of taxes and to represent a return on investment. An accrual basis of accounting is used for this fund for both the budget and the accounting records.

**The Water Fund**

This fund provides for reliable high quality drinking and industrial process water at the lowest cost possible while complying with all local, state, and federal laws, regulations and standards. The fund is self-supporting with user fees, which cover the operating, and maintenance cost for water treatment plant and the distribution lines and a contribution to the General Fund in lieu of taxes and to represent a return on investment. An accrual basis of accounting is used for this fund for both the budget and the accounting records.

**The Gas Fund**

This fund provides for activities relating to the purchase and distribution of natural gas to customers. The fund is self-supporting with user fees, which cover the purchased cost of natural gas, operation and maintenance of the distribution system and a contribution to the General Fund in lieu of taxes and to represent a return on investment. An accrual basis of accounting is used for both the budget and the accounting records.

**The Electric Fund**

This fund provides for activities relating to the purchase of electricity, production of electricity, and operating and maintenance costs. The operating and maintenance costs cover the hydro-electric facilities, transmission system, and the distribution system. The fund is self-supporting with user fees, which cover all costs and provide a contribution to the General Fund in lieu of taxes and to represent a return on investment. An accrual basis of accounting is used for both the budget and the accounting records.

**The Telecommunications Fund**

The Telecommunications Fund is an e-rate service provider to the Danville Public Schools and the Pittsylvania County Schools and maintains and operates nDanville, a high-tech fiber optic network. The fund is self-supporting with user fees, which cover all costs and provide a contribution to the General Fund in lieu of taxes and to represent a return on investment. An accrual basis of accounting is used for both the budget and the accounting records.

**SPECIAL FUNDS**

**The Capital Projects Fund – General Government**

This fund provides accountability for financial resources used for major construction projects relating to general government use. Funding resources include proceeds from the sale of bonds, federal and state grants and transfers from the General Fund. The fund operates on a modified accrual basis of accounting for both the budget and the accounting records. Information regarding these projects can be found in the Capital Improvement Plan document.